

Micro:bit Magic

Engaging K-12, CS1/2, and non-majors with IoT & Embedded

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Outline

- Intros: Us, You, the micro:bit
- ★ Setup
- ★ “Hello, World!”: First Program
- ★ Programming: Logic & Action
- ★ Broadcast Basics
- ★ Awesome Audio & Motor Mayhem
- ★ Bluetooth Basics & Phone Phun
- ★ Extensions & Graphing
- ★ Cutting the Cord
- Conclusions

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- You: Roll Call & Intros

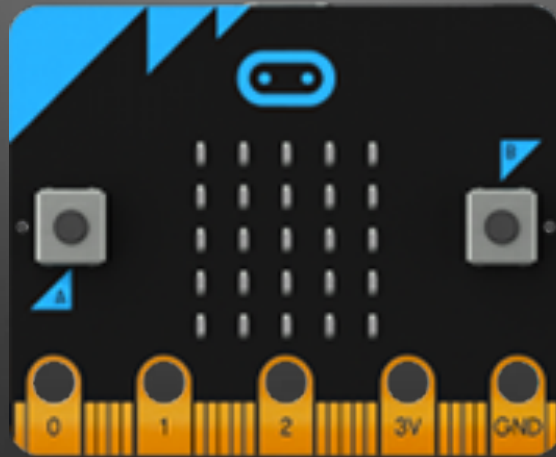
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- Pair programming —pair up!

Intros: the micro:bit

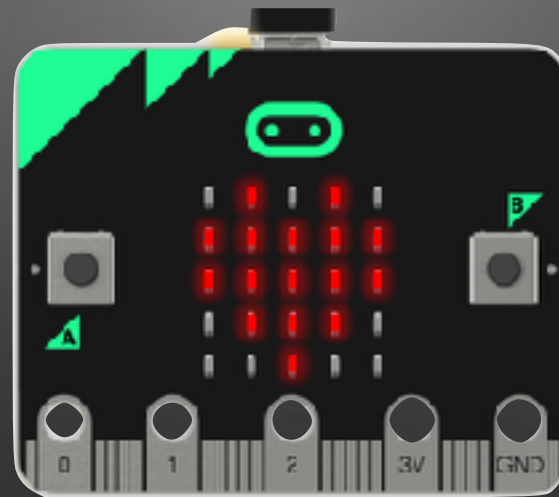
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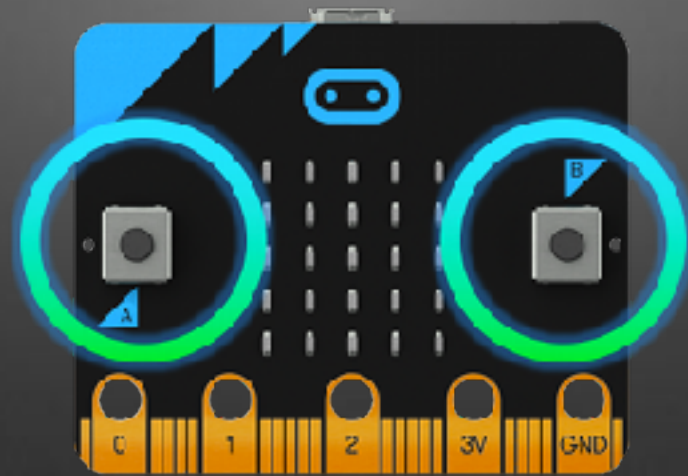
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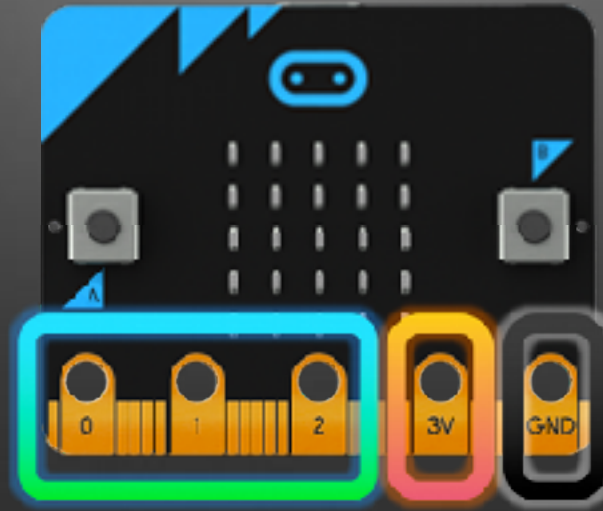
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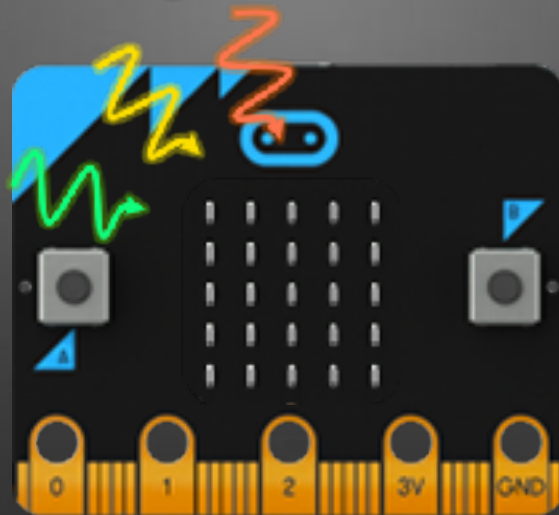
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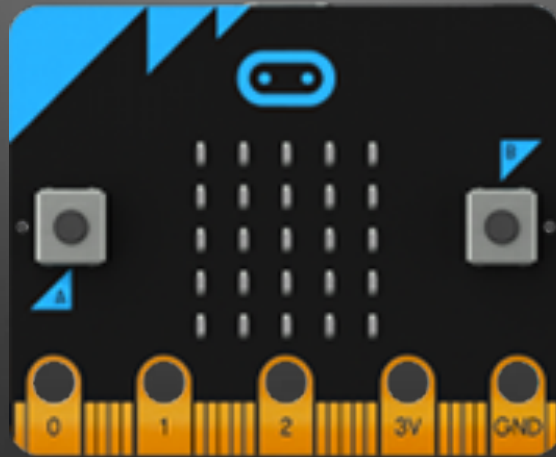
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Light Sensor



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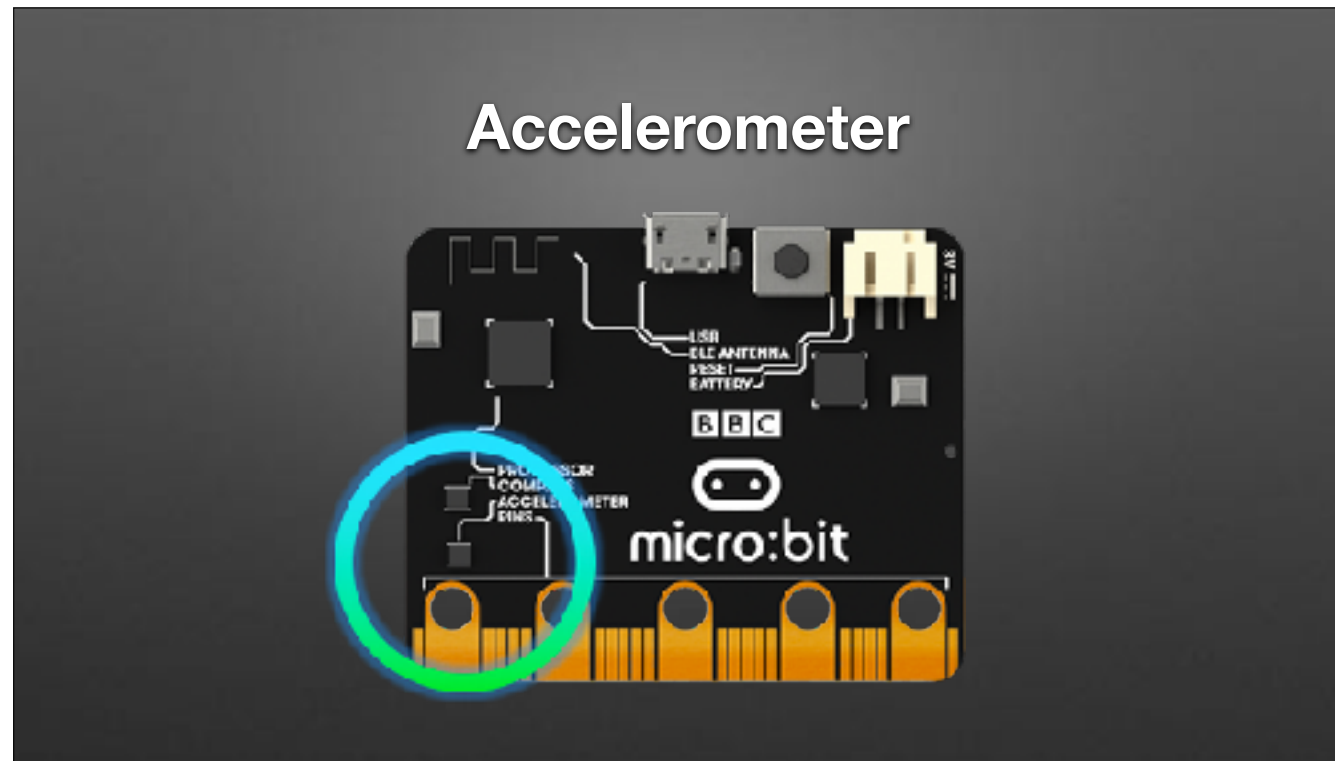
Temperature Sensor



Within about 2 degrees C (die temperature)

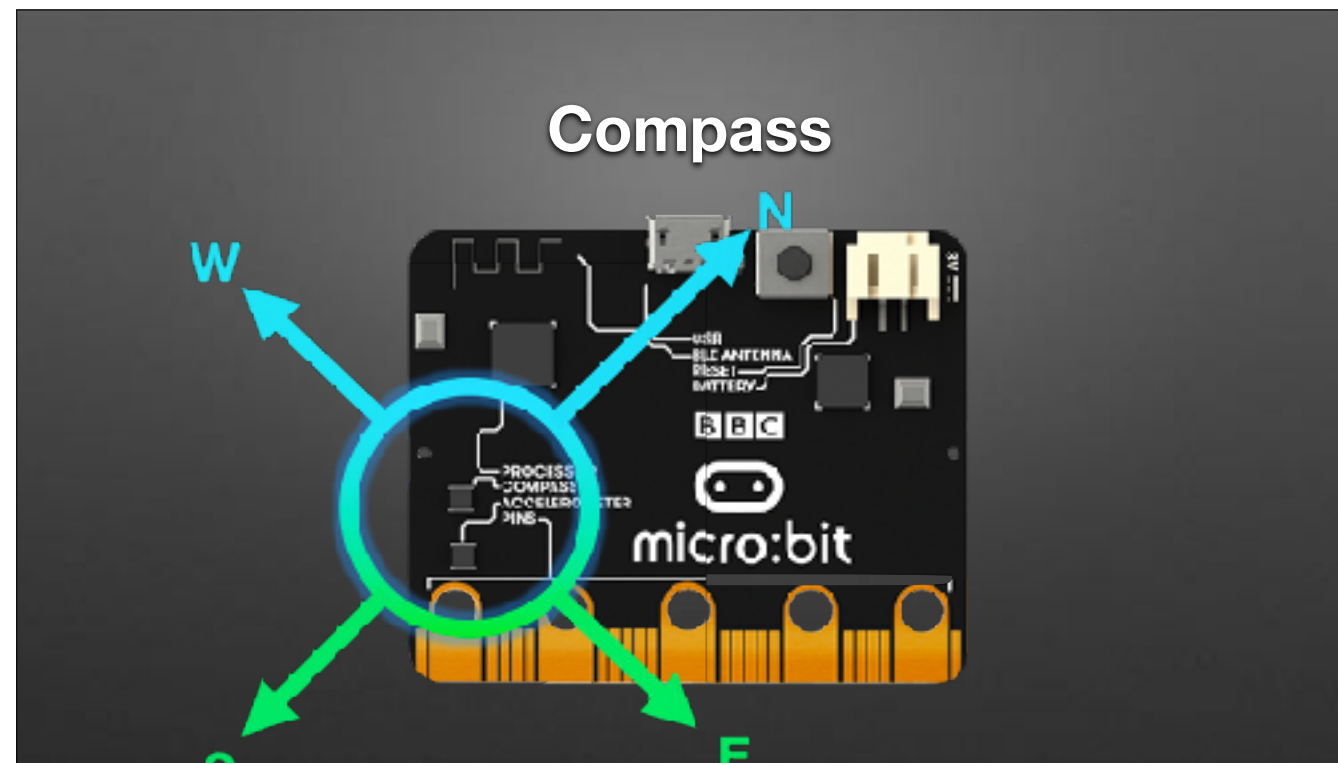
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Accelerometer



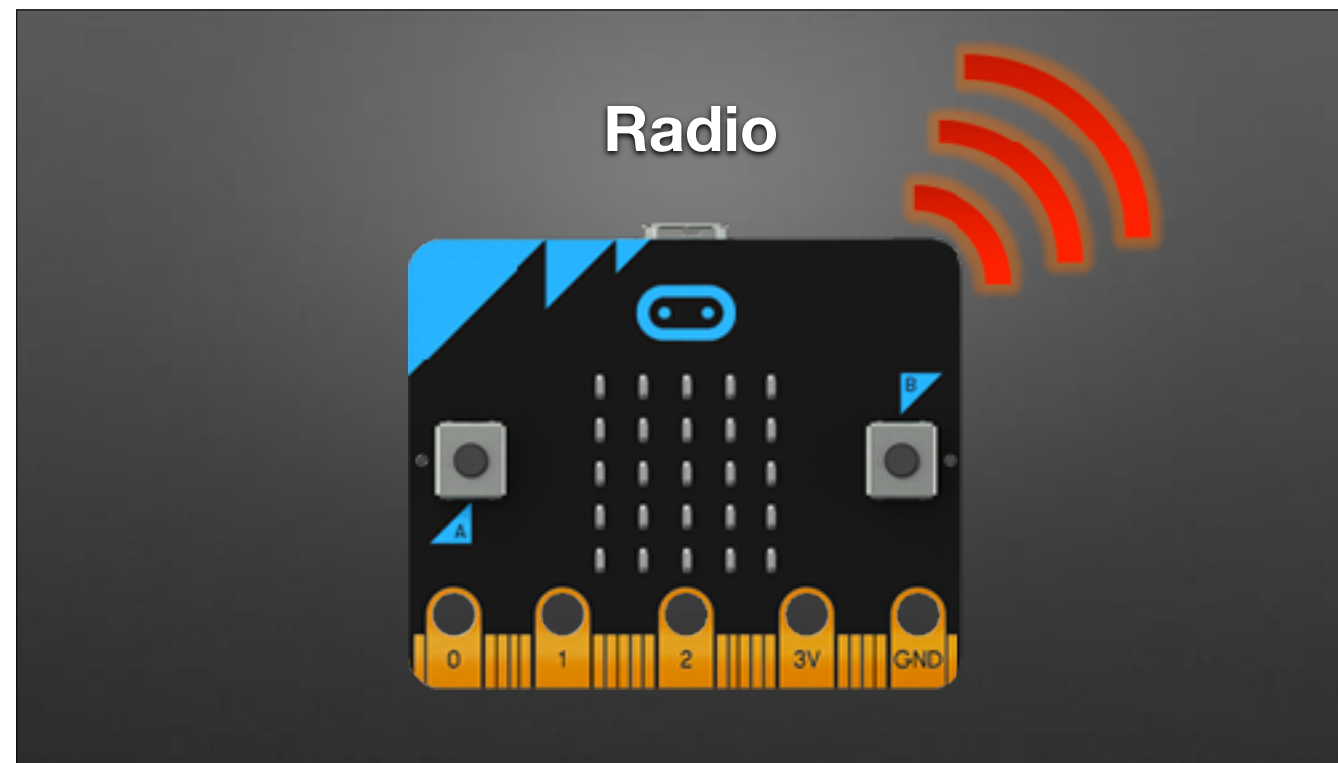
Detect/respond to tilt/tip/shake/etc.

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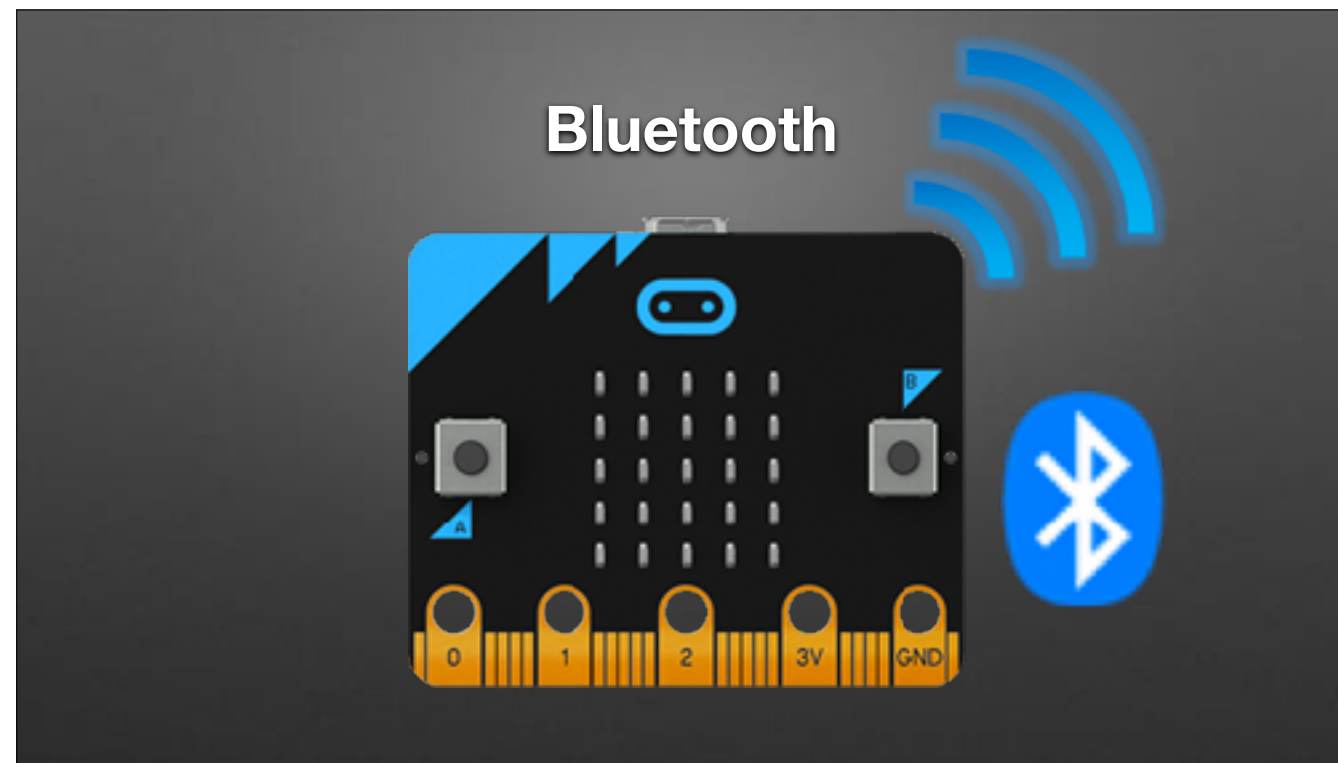
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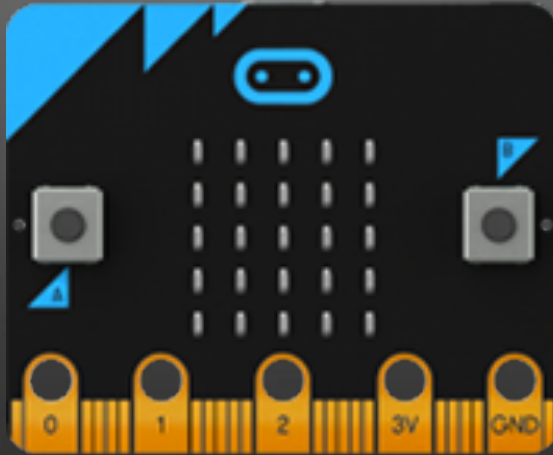
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Bluetooth: It can talk to mobile devices!!!

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Low Cost: ~\$13 US



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2015

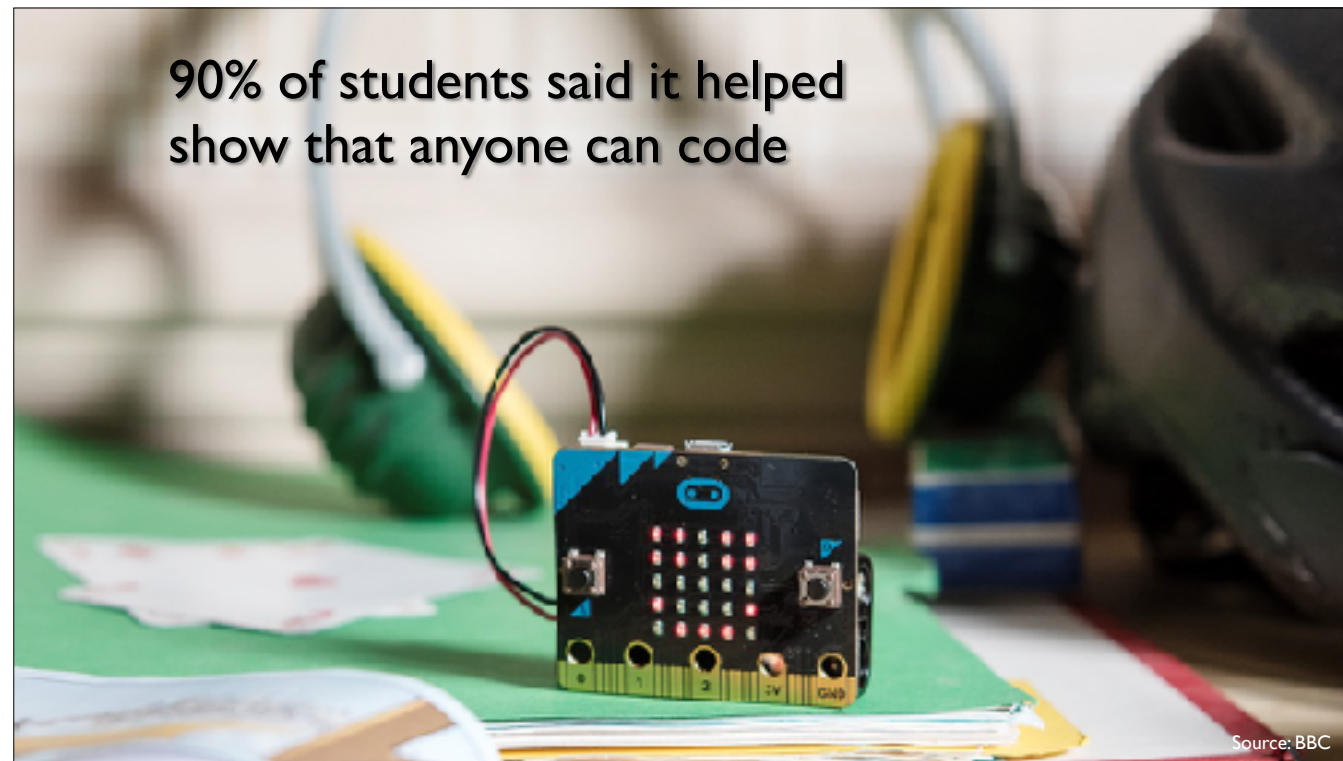
- BBC Make It Digital
- 29 partners
- 1 million micro:bit devices
- 11-12 year olds
- Across the U.K.



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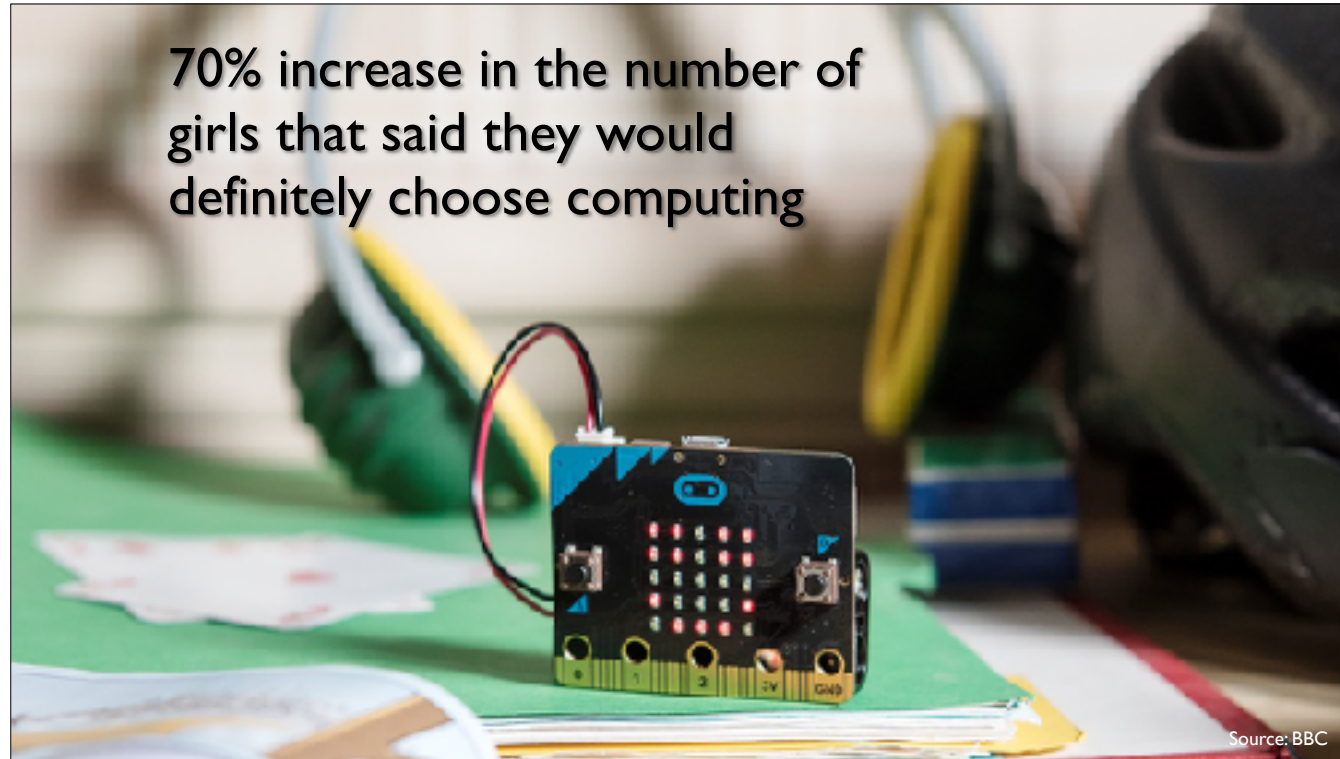


90% of students said it helped
show that anyone can code



Source: BBC

70% increase in the number of girls that said they would definitely choose computing



2016 Micro:bit Educational Foundation Formed

To empower children, parents and
teachers around the globe to learn
and innovate using the micro:bit

2017

micro:bit available in the U.S.



10 New & Innovative EdTech
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<http://www.gettingsmart.com/2017/06/10-innovative-new-products-announced-at-iste-2017/>



Lessons Aligned to Code.org CS Fundamentals

- Lessons extend the concepts taught in the Code.org curriculum by using micro:bit and MakeCode
- Course E – Loop and Functions
- Course F – Variables and Conditionals




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Course E				Course F			
							
Lesson Course E - Loops 1 - Loops and Animations	Lesson Course E - Loops 2 - Nested Loops and Scoreboards	Lesson Course E - Functions 1 - A Simple Function for a Superhero	Lesson Course E - Functions 2 - Functions for a Digital Pet	Lesson Course F - Variables 1 - Variables With a Counter	Lesson Course F - Variables 2 - Variables and Emotions	Lesson Course F - Conditionals 1 - Conditionals with the Weather Predictor	Lesson Course F - Conditionals 2 - Conditionals with Rock Paper Scissors Game

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<http://microbit.org/teach/code-org-fundamentals/>



Third-Party Curricula



Microsoft MakeCode Intro to CS

<https://aka.ms/intro2cs>

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Making | 8. Coordinate Grid System |
| 2. Algorithms | 9. Booleans |
| 3. Variables | 10. Music and Arrays |
| 4. Conditionals | 11. Bits, Bytes, and Binary |
| 5. Iteration | 12. Radio |
| 6. Review/Mini-Project | 13. Arrays |
| 7. Coordinate Grid System | 14. Independent Final Project |



PLTW Gateway:
Computer Science for
Innovators and Makers

[https://www.pltw.org/our-program/
pltw-gateway-
curriculum#curriculum-4](https://www.pltw.org/our-program/pltw-gateway-curriculum#curriculum-4)



Let's Play



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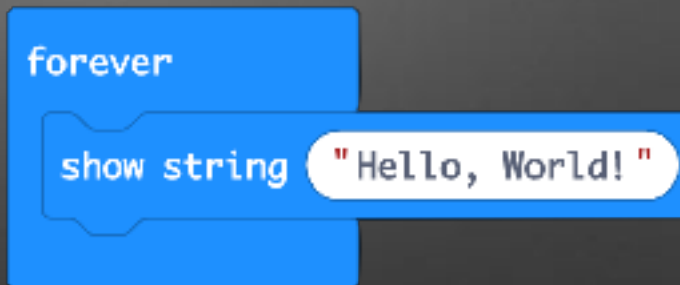
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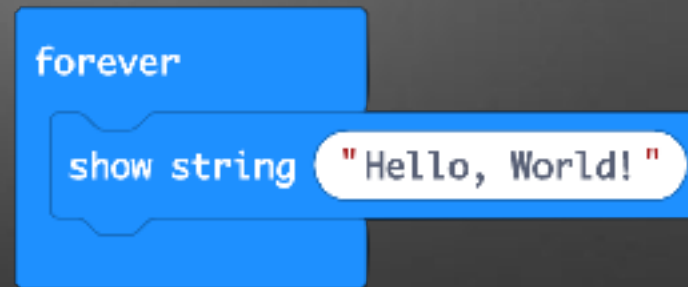
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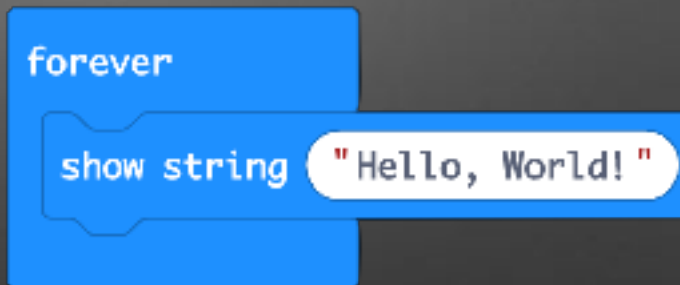
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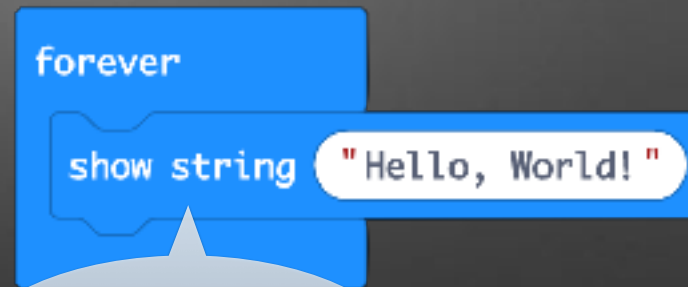
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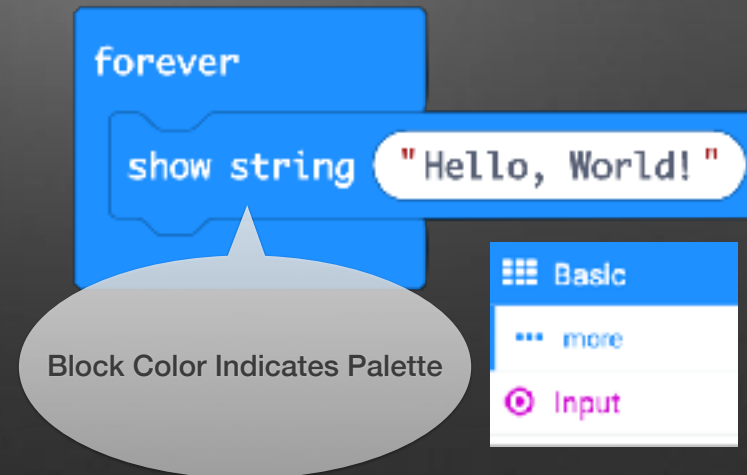
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 - Putting pieces together for awesome projects left as an exercise for you...



Setup

- Hardware Handout
 1. Open Box
 2. Pull out micro:bit
 3. Pull out micro USB cable (under cardboard)
 4. Connect via USB cable



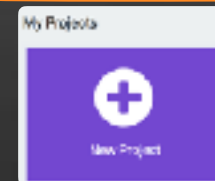
Setup

- Browser

1. Open microbit.org
2. Select “Let’s Code”
3. Click “Let’s Code” button on MakeCode
4. Select “New Project”

Let's Code

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Personalization!

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- Hello Bill / Hello Michael / Hello

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forever

show string

"Hello SIGCSE!"

Aside: Text-based Languages



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- But...Downloaded files can be restored via Drag & Drop!

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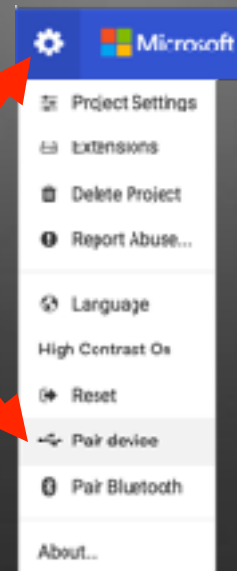
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- How: Chrome 65+ & Setup



WebUSB Setup

1. Go to Gear Menu

2. Select Pair Device





Setup: Chrome v65+

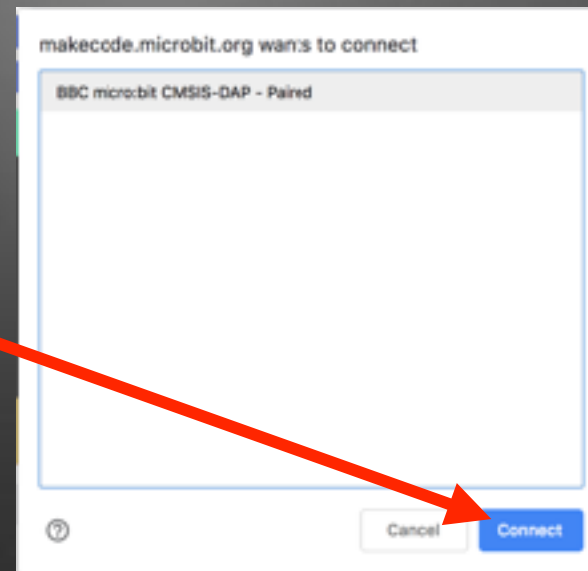
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Setup: Chrome v65+

4. Connect

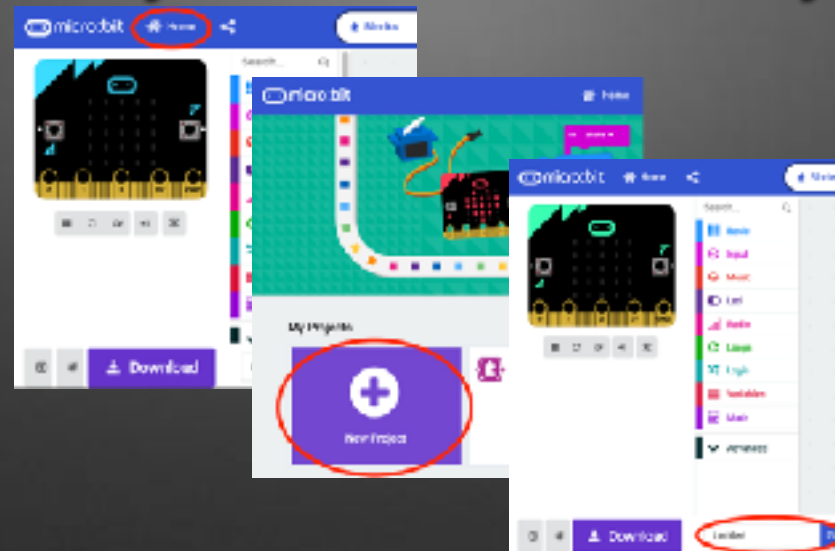


Try It!

 Download

New Project: Home > New Project...

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Programming: Logic & Action

- Picking between *three* tough choices
 - Cookie, Cake, Pie
 - Super Strength, Invisibility, Telekinesis
 - ...

CS...Int division; Mod; Etc.

Obvious Solution...

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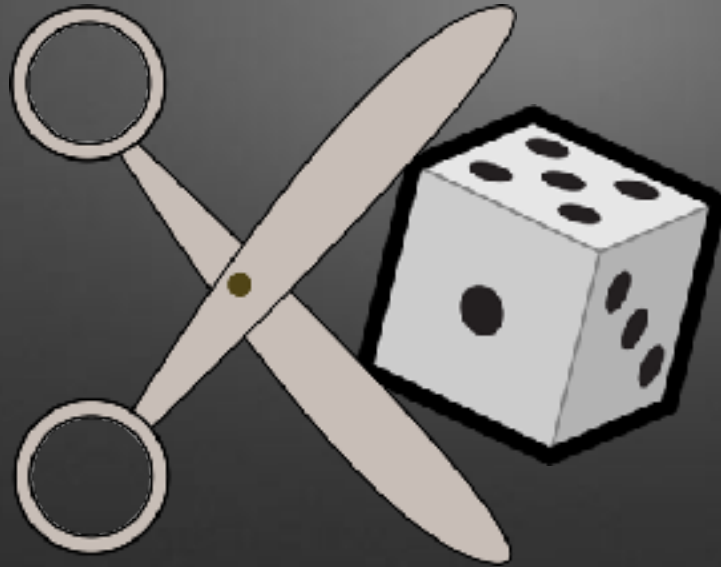
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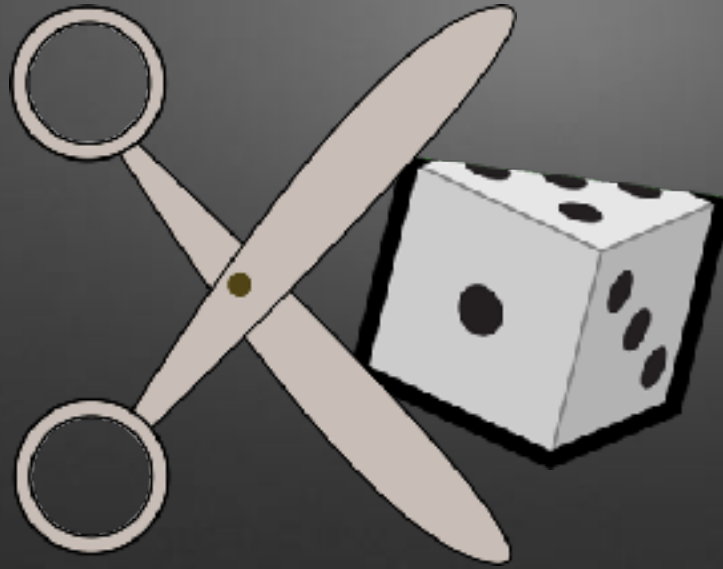
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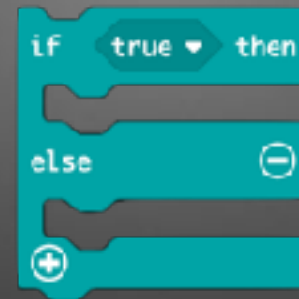
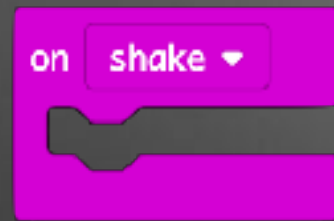
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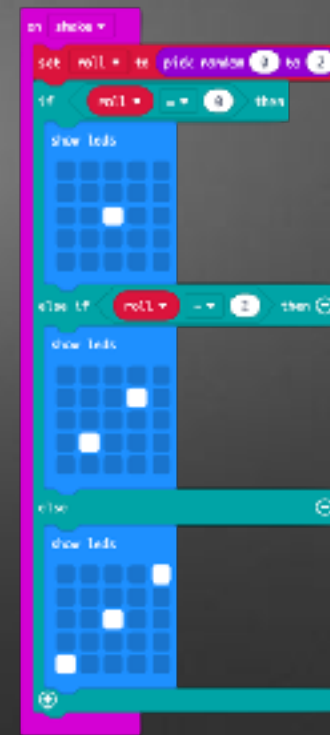


1. Color indicates Palette
2. Incremental Development:
Try parts in Simulator
3. Play...Start with showing 0/1

Let's play...

Get started w/ Shake & Show Random Number

A solution



Full Program: 03-Roll.hex

Concepts

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- Event driven programming



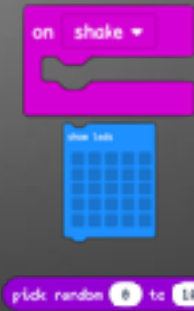
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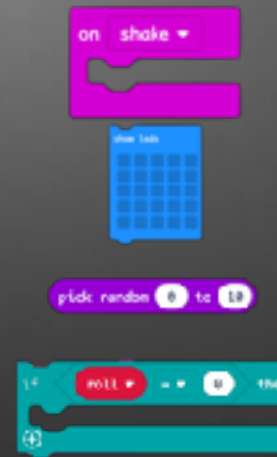
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- Boolean Logic



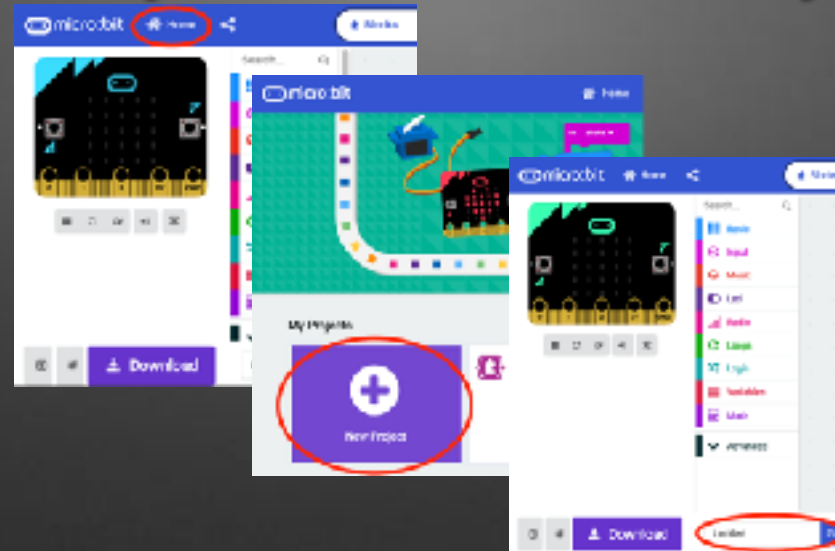
Pedagogy

- Active Learning
- Discovery Based
- Constructionist

Great...but all concepts can be done with scratch.

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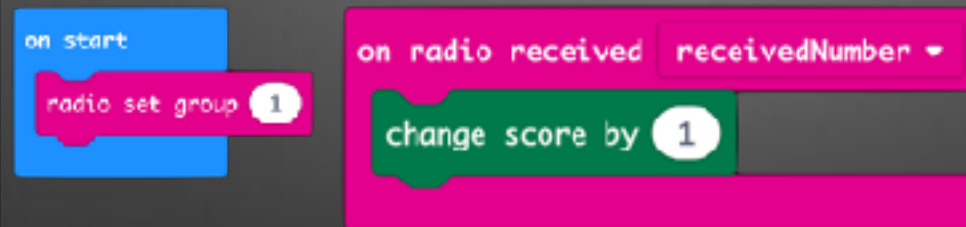




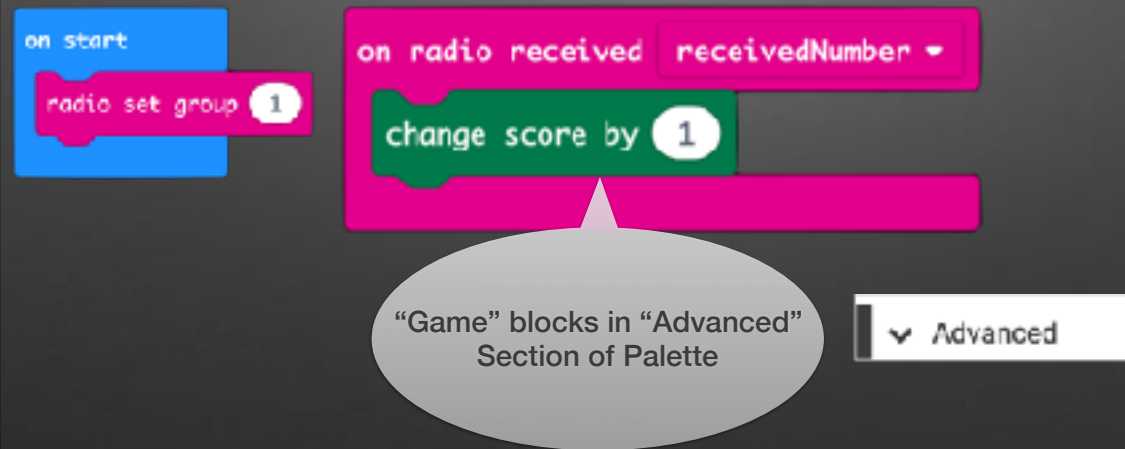
Broadcast Basics

- Radio Palette: Broadcast Based Radio Transmissions
 - String, Number, Key/Value Pairs, ...

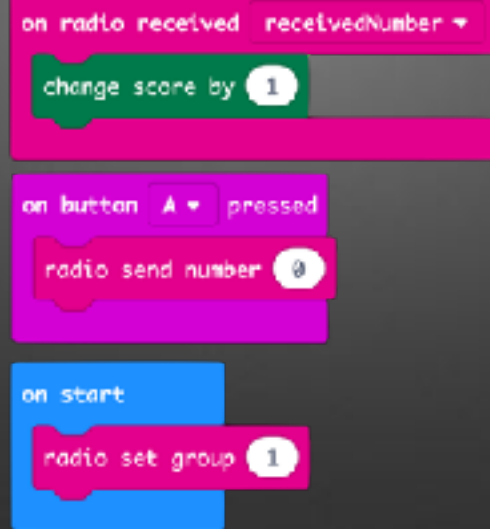
Receiver



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Full Boadcaster



Full Program: 04-FullAutoBroadcaster.hex

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Broadcasting can be done with Scratch

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- Broadcasting

radio send number 0

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radio set group 1

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radio send number 0

radio set group 1

on radio received receivedNumber ▾

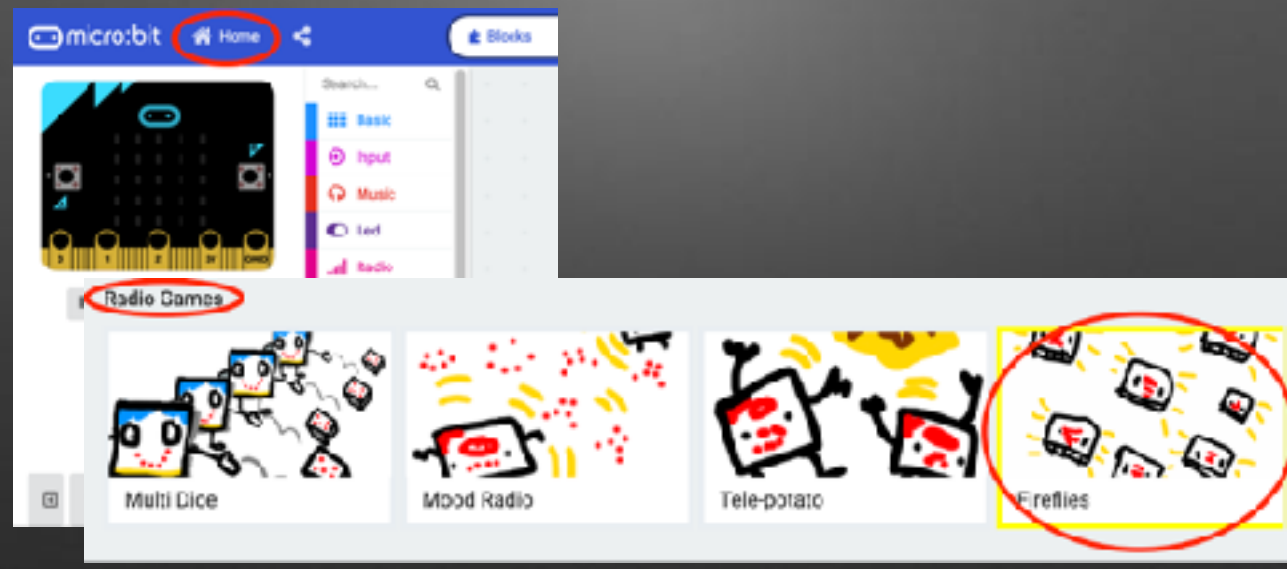
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radio send number 5

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radio send number 3

radio set group 1

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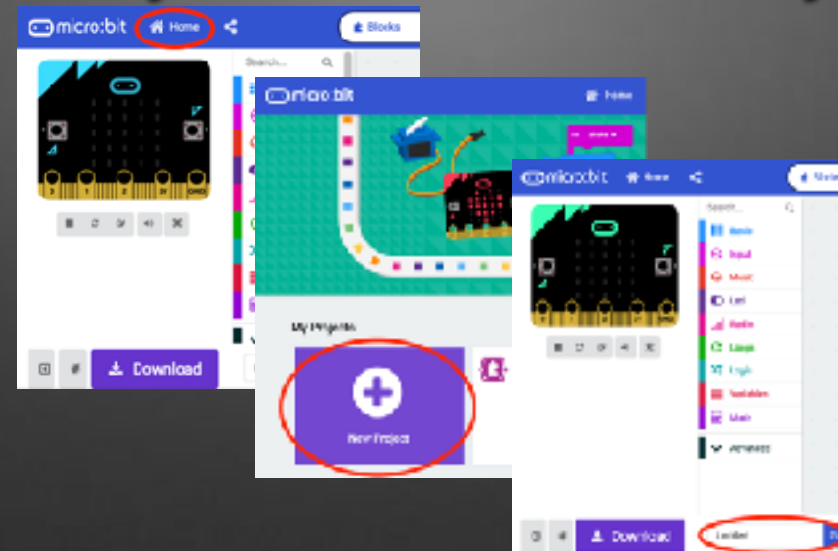
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Goody Bag: Hardware



Awesome (?) Audio

Show an example of playing a note / Using Clips to connect to headphones

Parts: 2 Clips + Headphone



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- I/O

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- I/O
- Basic Electric Circuits/Electronics



Motor Mayhem

An Intro to Servos



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on button **A** pressed

servo write pin **P0** to **0**

on button **B** pressed

servo write pin **P0** to **120**

Program



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These servos are limited to 0-120°

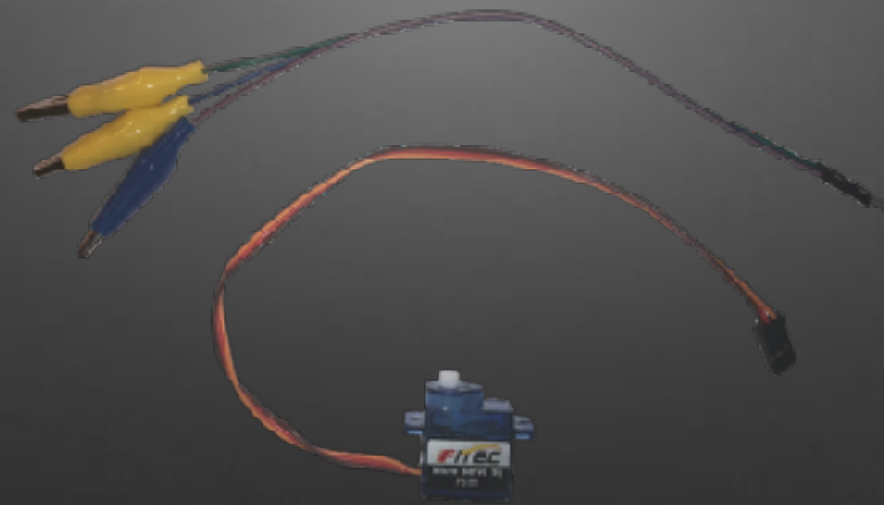
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Testing...

- Test in Simulator

TODO: Add picture

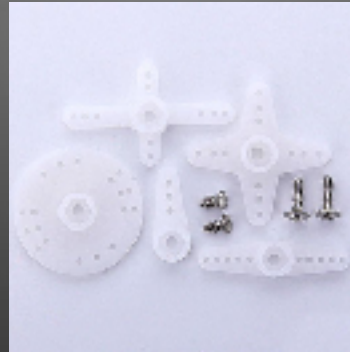
Parts



Connect them...



Add a Horn



Pic Source: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07CM87WBQ/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o03_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Clip to micro:bit

- Match color on Servo to pad name on micro:bit (clip colors don't matter)
 - Brown on Servo to GND on micro:bit
 - Red on Servo to 3V on micro:bit
 - Orange on Servo to 0 on micro:bit

Inchworm Insanity


<https://makecode.microbit.org/projects/inchworm>

Break

1. Firmware Update
 - A. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/uBitUpdate>
 - B. Follow Instructions to Upgrade
2. App Install
 - A. Open Browser on phone to <http://microbit.org/code>
 - B. Scroll to Apps and Select



Bluetooth Background

- Uses different protocol than  Wi-Fi Radio
- Not a group broadcast

Bluetooth Background

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Central

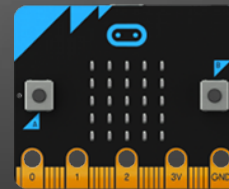


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Peripheral



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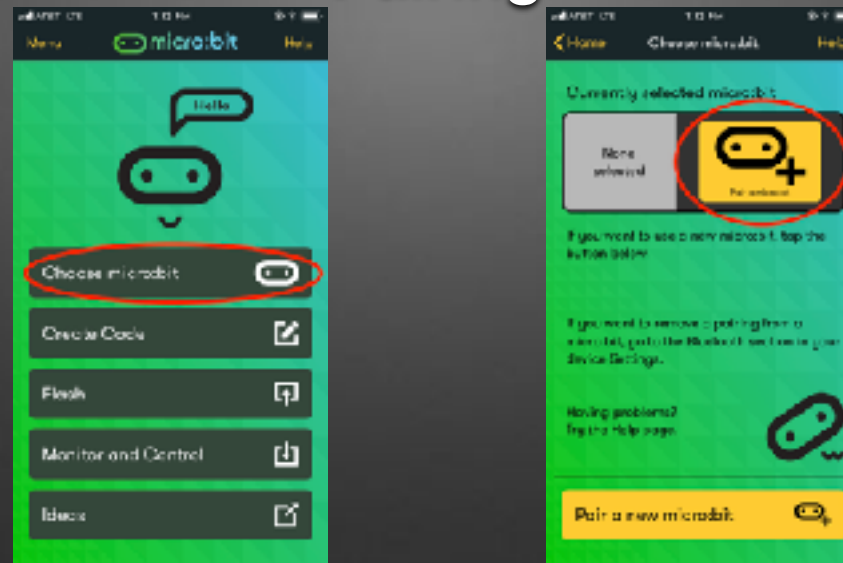
Bluetooth Basics

- Bluetooth has various levels of security
 - “Pairing” — Forming a “permanent” bond
(Exchanging security info. once and storing it)
- Block editor supports three types
 - No pairing (“insecure” - we’ll use this)
 - Just Works (default; pretty safe)
 - Passkey Pairing (more secure)

Pairing

Follow instructions to pair. NOTE THE NAME of your Micro:bit!!!! Will need it later

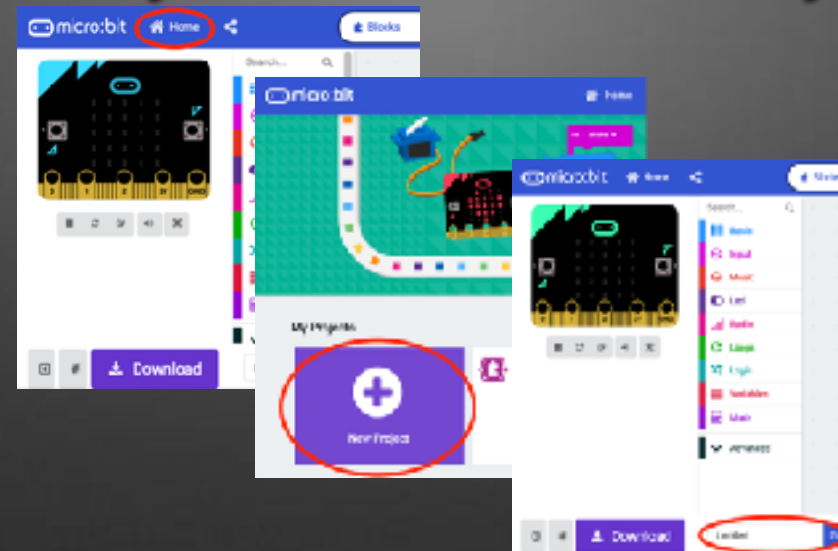
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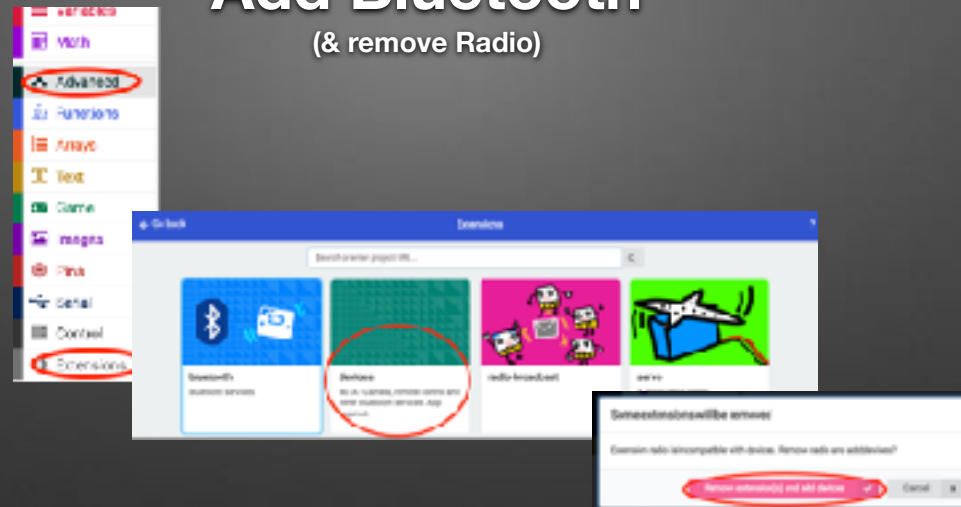
Add Bluetooth

(& remove Radio)

FIXME

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FIXME

Project Settings

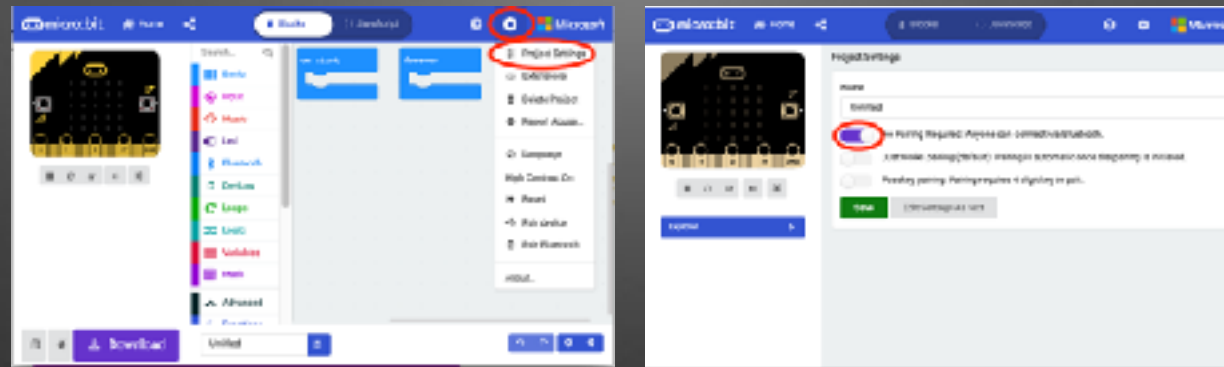
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Need to know name of YOUR microbic

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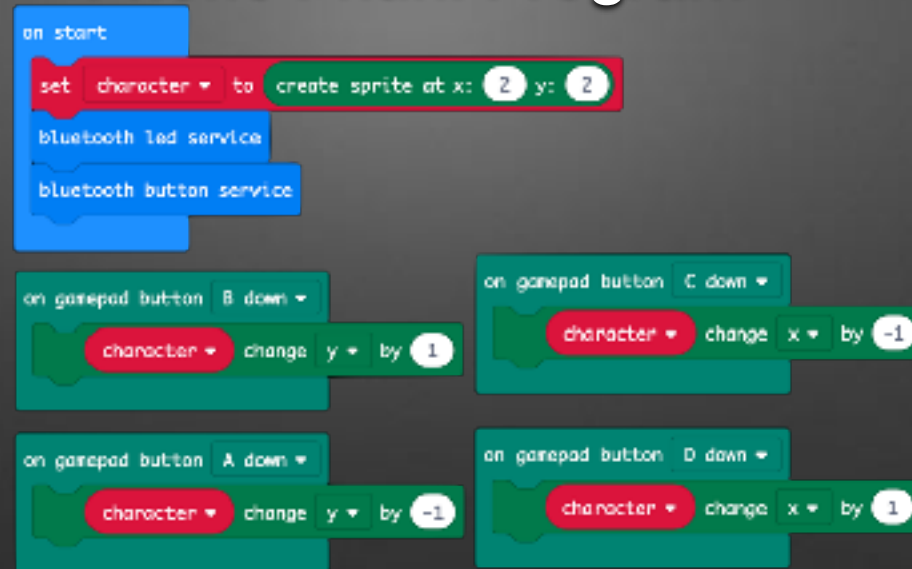
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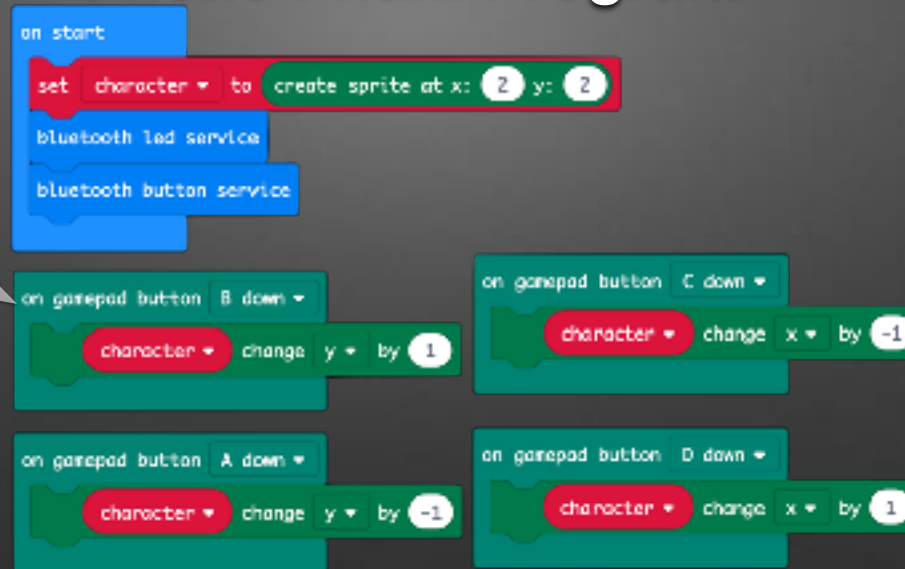


Use right-click "duplicate"

Full Program: 07-BluetoothControl.hex

Phone Phun: Program

Devices Palette



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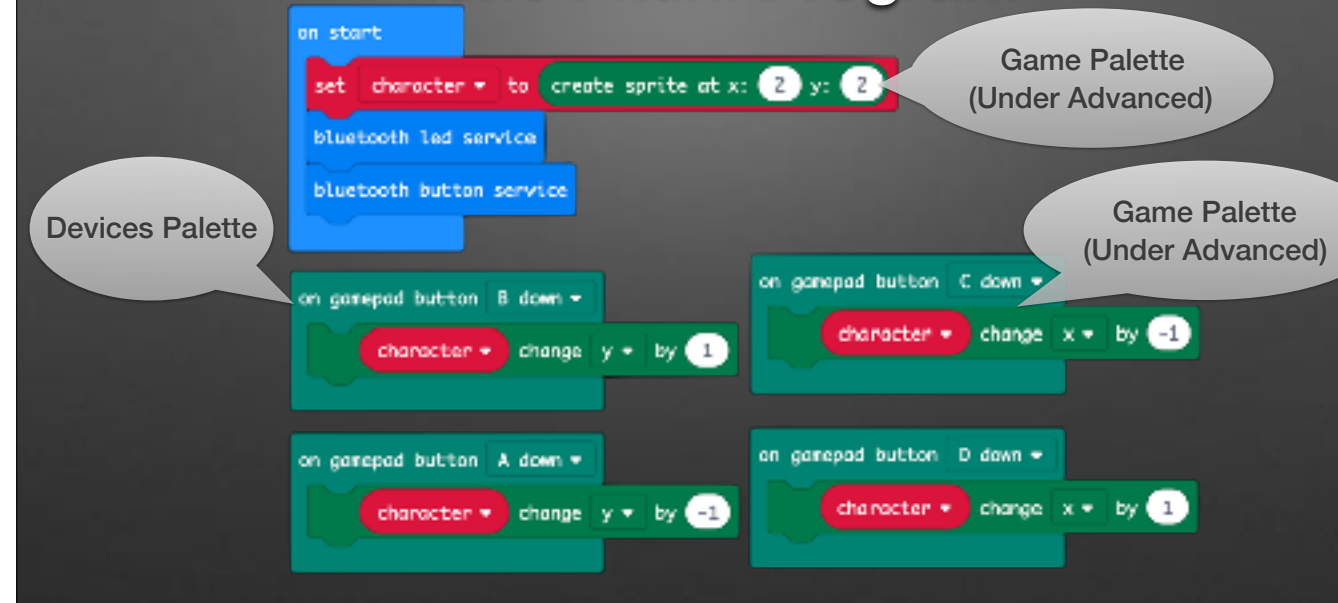
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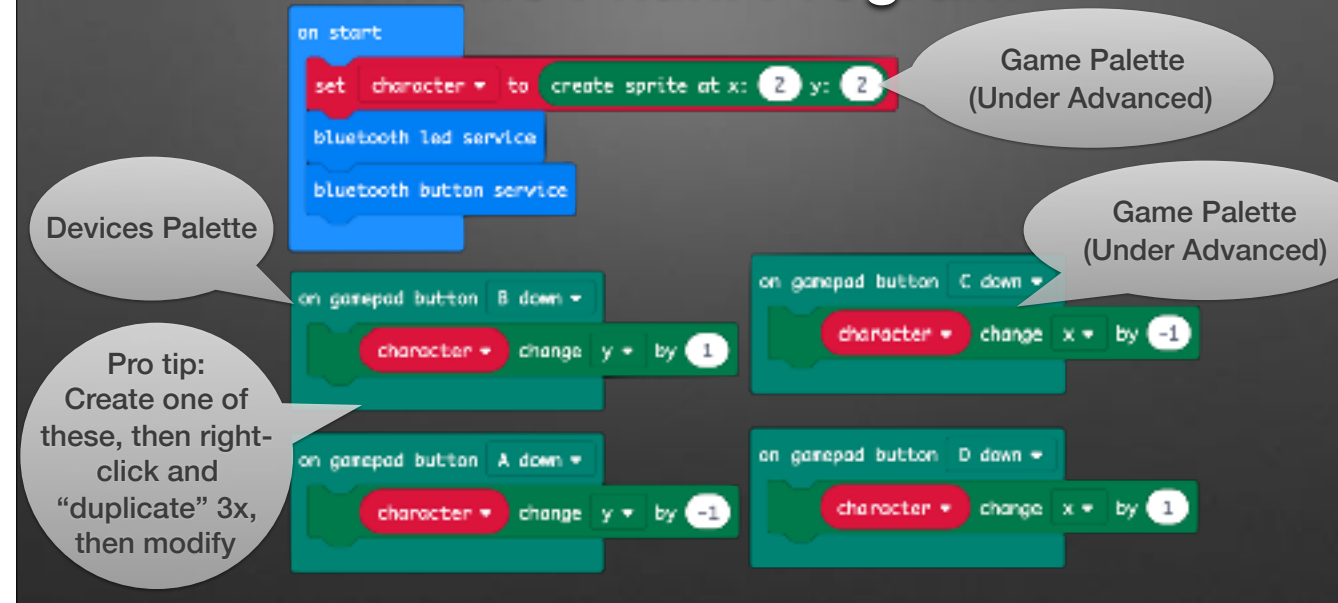
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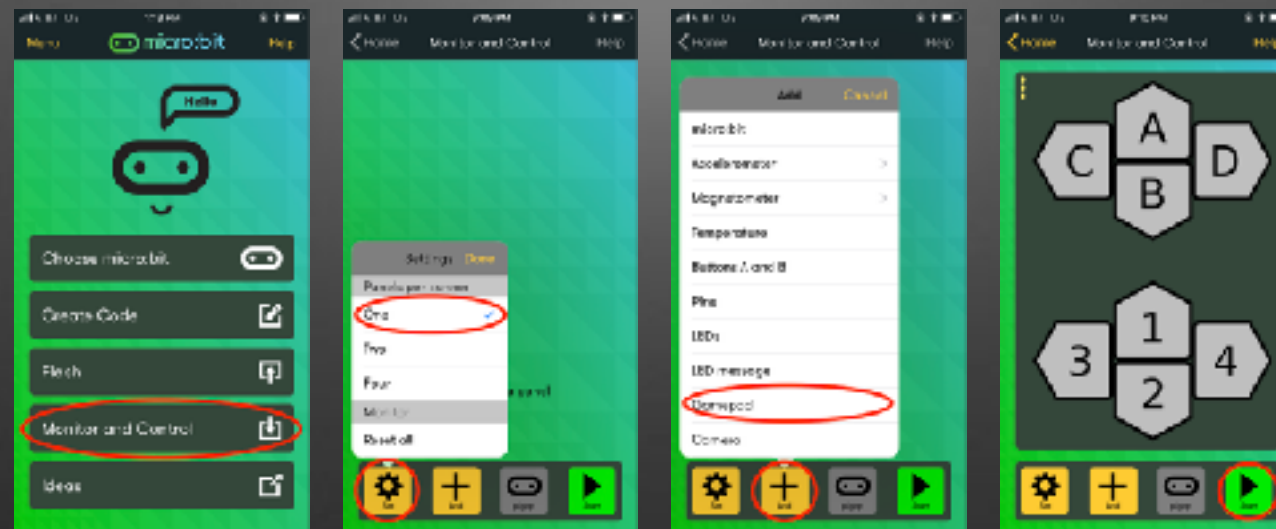
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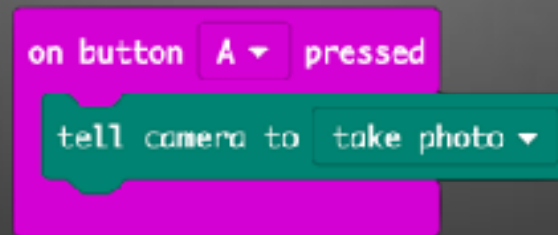
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App Configuration



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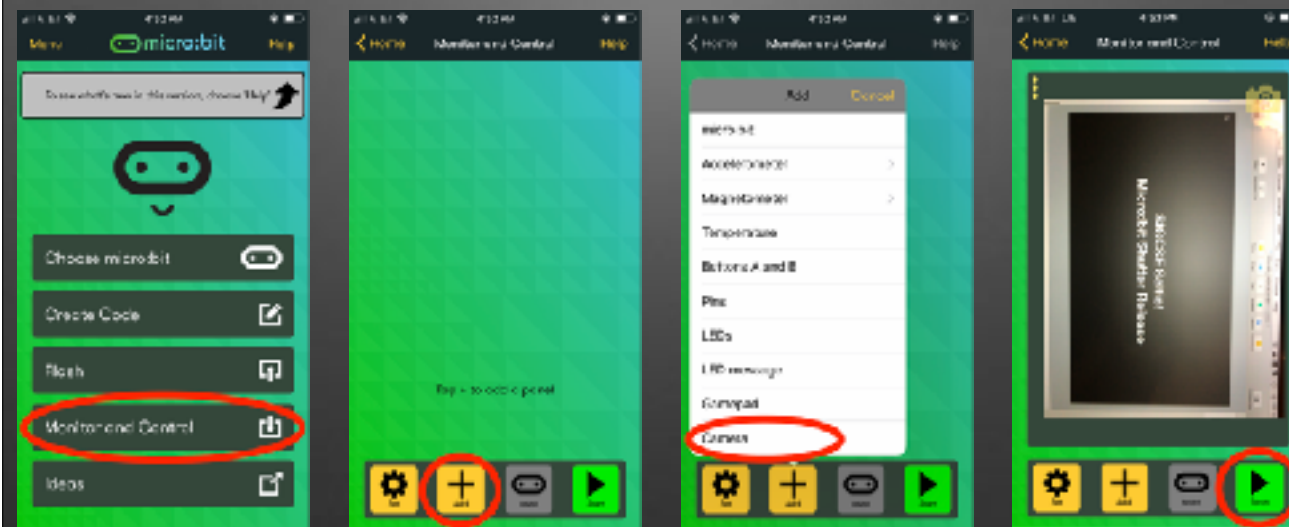
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App Config

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SIGCSE Selfie!

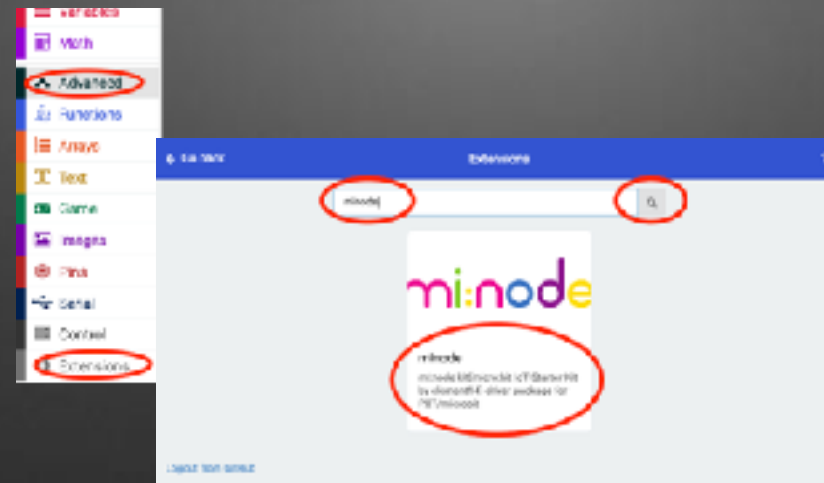
Extra Hardware: Extensions

- Extensions...extend
 - Additional hardware support (today)
 - Additional simulator features

Extra Hardware: Extensions

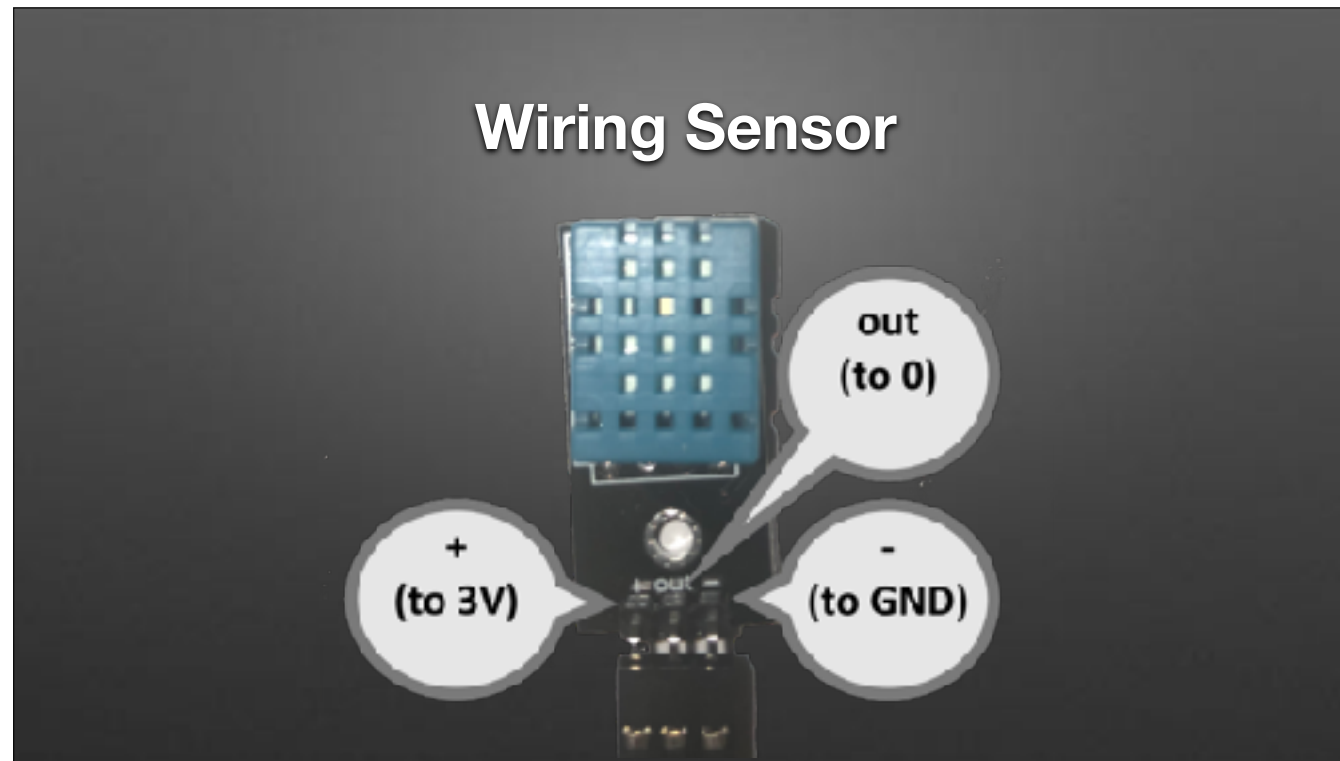
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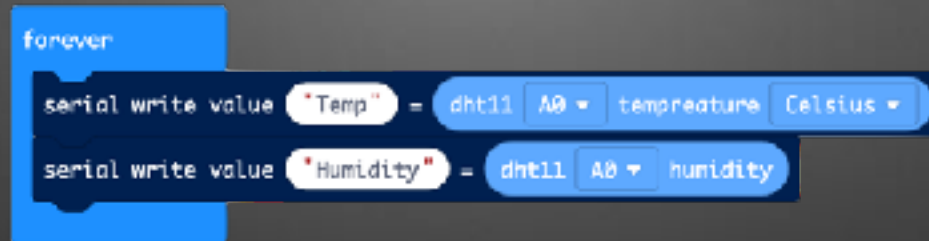
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Wiring Sensor



TODO

Collecting Data



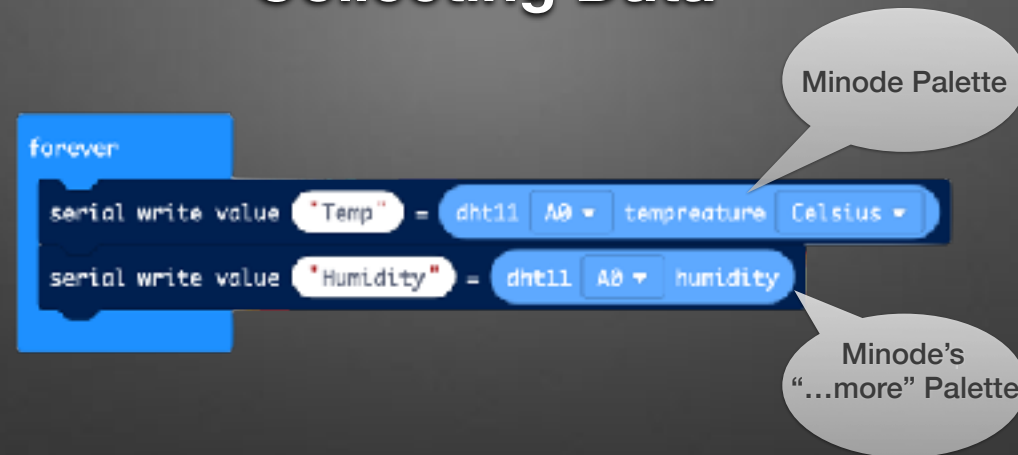
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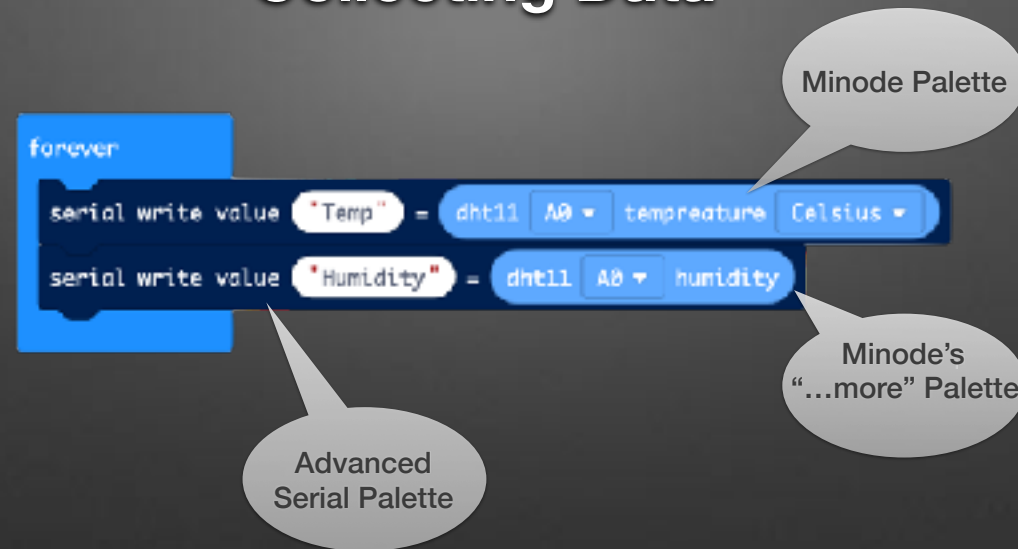
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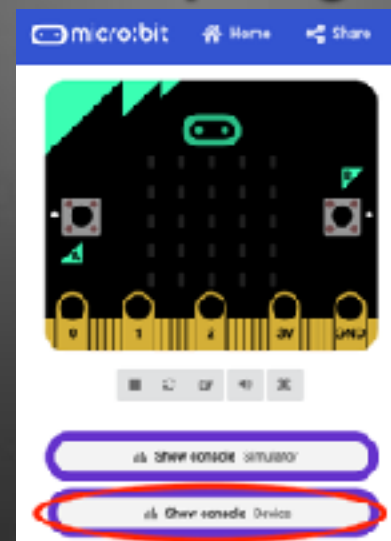
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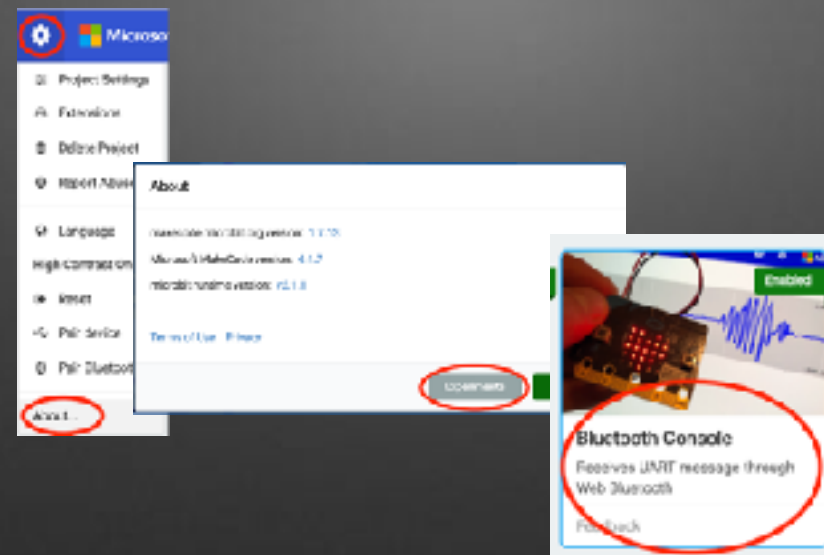
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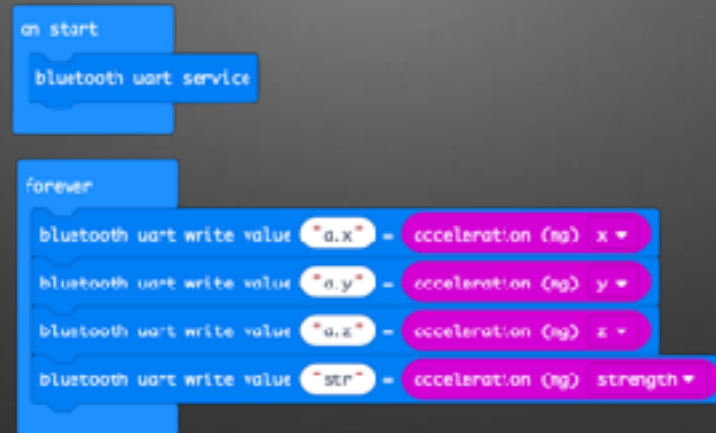


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Bluetooth Streaming: Program



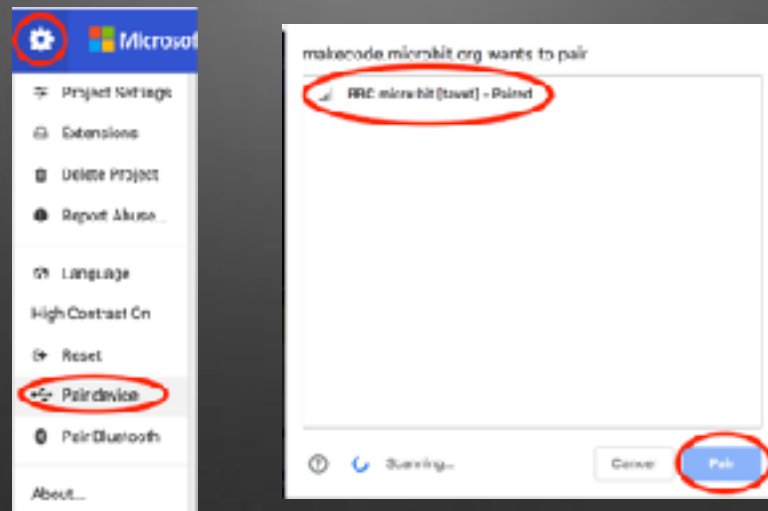
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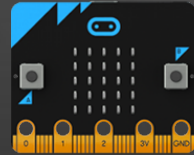


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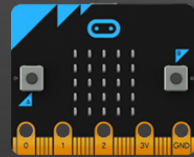
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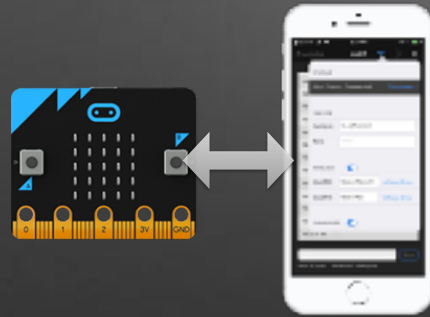
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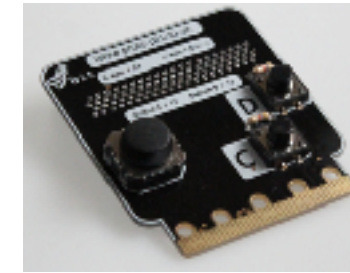
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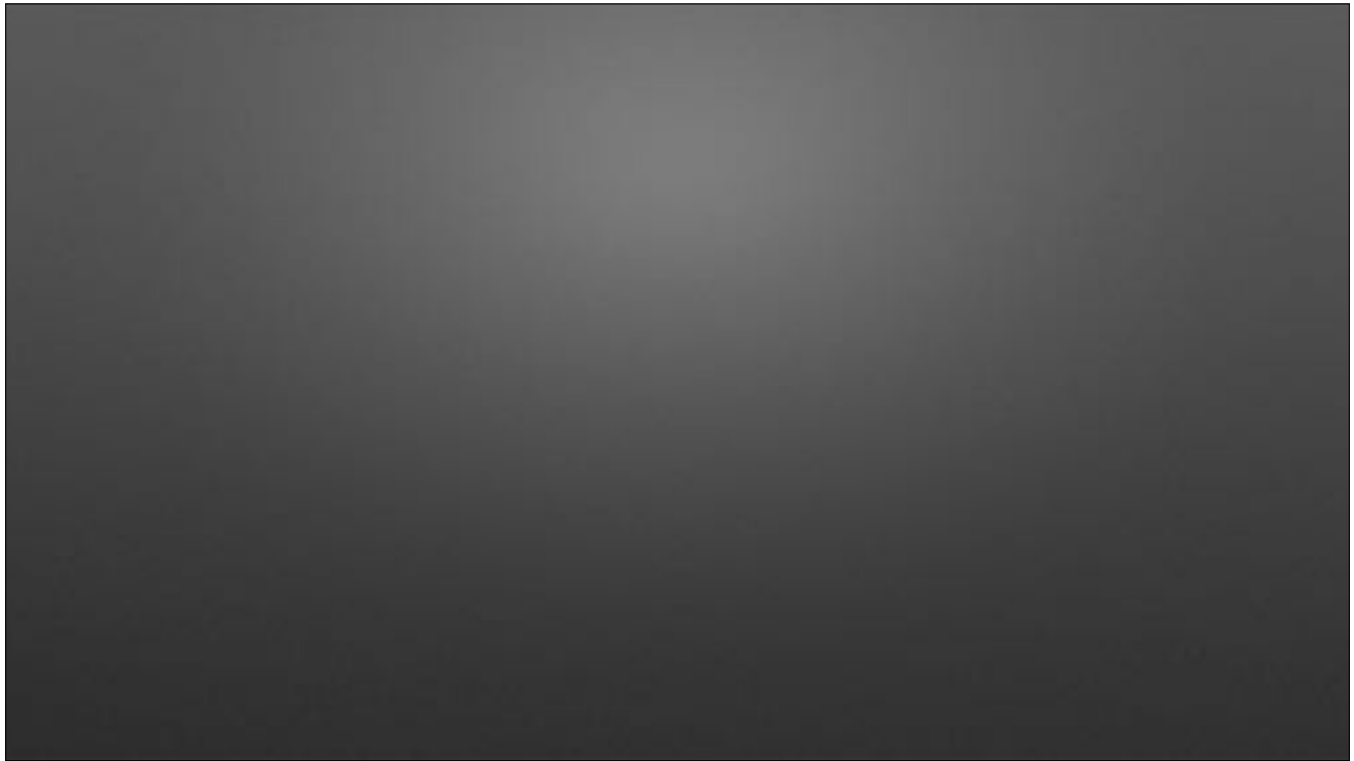
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Bill's SIGCSE Blog Post
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Questions / Discussion



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